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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

IMAIZUMI et al.

Application No.: 10/023,711

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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING  
SUBSTANCE BY FERMENTATION

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Christian L. Fronda

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, two month(s) to November 15, 2005.

☒ The period for response has previously been extended to October 15, 2005.

Please charge ☒ the credit card identified in the accompanying PTO-2038 or ☐ our deposit account 50-2821 the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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